representations for wrong exclusion have been received as on March, 1990.

(c) The Standing Committee constituted by Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals will consider all matters connected with review of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987 and the representations made on various policy issues concerning DPCO 1987, including/ inclusion/exclusion of drugs in the Scheduled Categories.

(d) and (e) As already answered in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 707 dated 14.5.90, it is not in public interest to disclose the recommendations of the Standing Committee at this stage.

Production of drugs from imported intermediates

2053. SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the recommedations of Hathi Committee those companies which were producing drugs from the imported intermediates were required to produce drugs from basic stages within a period of two years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a number of companies are still importing intermediates even after a lapse of one decade;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this is resulting in outgo of foreign exchange;

(d) what are the names of the companies which are producing drugs from imported intermediates since more than two years;

(e) what are the names of intermediates going into the production of each drug and since when each is being produced from intermediate stage; and

(f) what is the ex-factory cost of production of each drug and what is the percentage of import contents to ex-factory cost?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Hathi Committee had recommended that foreign companies producing bulk drugs from penultimate stage should manufacture within a period of two years, the bulk drugs concerned from the basic stage.

(b) and (c) Several drugs in the country are being produced from intermediate stage due to various reasons, the prominent among which are technological constraints.

(d) to (f) Information asked for is too voluminous and time and labour involved in collection and compilation of information will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

Recovery of overcharged amounts

2054. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry refunded the overcharged amount of Rs. 30.11 lakhs to M/s. Warner Hindustan;

(b) if so, on what ground;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the same amount was taken back;

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what are the reasons for which the full amount was not recovered;

(e) whether it is also a fact that the special team did not assess the liability of M/s. Merind which was involved in the Supreme Court case;

(f) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(g) what are the names of the drugs of M/s. Merind involved;

(h) whether it is also a fact that set offs have been allowed in certain cases contrary to the opinion of the Department of Legal Affairs; and

(i) if so, what are the details of set offs allowed?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) A cheque of Rs. 30.11 lakhs sent by M/s.

Warner Hindustan (now Parke-Davis) on 24th February, 1987 was returned as the amount recoverable from the company was Rs. 106.36 lakhs and not the aforesaid amount for which the cheque was sent by the company.

(c) and (d) The company deposited Rs. 30.11 lakhs with the Government as their part liability in respect of the overcharged amount during the year 1989-90. The company have since paid another instalment of Rs. 25.38 lakhs on 4th May, 1990.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

(g) Amounts are recoverable from M/s. Merind Limited in respect of Dexamethasone Pure, Dexamethasone 21 Phosphate and the formulations based on the two drugs.

(h) and (i) In view of receipt of complaints to this effect, it has been decided to have a fresh look into the findings of the Special Team and the developments thereafter.

Utilisation of recovered amount

2055. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no provision in Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987 where the amount recovered under provision 14 can be utilised;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that such a provision existed under DPCO, 1979; and

(d) what steps have been taken to incorporate such a provision?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (d) It has been provided in paragraph 14 of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987 that amounts available in the Drugs Prices Equalisation Account or those amounts that would accrue to the said account in future would be utilized for the same purposes as provided under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979.

Production of drugs from intermediate stage

2056. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 605 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th March, 1990 and state:

(a) what are the names of the producers who are producing Pyrazinamide, Betamethasone, Trimethoprim, Iodochlohydroxy Quinoline and Vitamin from intermediate statges;

(b) what are the names of imported intermediates used by each producer for production of each drug;

(c) what is the cost of production of each drug of each producer from intermediate stage and how it compares with the cost of production from basic stage of each producer;

(d) what is the price fixed for each drug;

(e) the names of the units whose cost of production was studied by BICP stage of manufacture of each and price recommended for each by BICP;

(f) what is the import contents in value of each per unit and what is the percentage of cost of production of each; and

(g) since when each drug is being produced from intermediate stage?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (c), (f) and (g) Vitamin A and Betamethasone are licensed for manufacture from basic